

Name of pauper who died during the year :

Henry Babb, Nov. 27, 1877, aged 56.

Number of paupers at the Farm, Feb. 1, 1878, 7

Number of different paupers at the Farm during the year, 18

Names of paupers discharged during the year :

James Drew, May 28, 1877.

Charles H. Thompson, March 23, 1877.

George H. Young, April 15, 1877.

Obed Steward, June 28, 1877.

Jeremiah Arlin, June 28, 1877.

Emma J. Sargent, January 17, 1878.

Nettie Powell, October 15, 1877.

Edward Wilson, December 11, 1877.

Frederick Stevens, November 8, 1877.

Dominico Guinazza, May 28, 1877.

Number of tramps lodged during the year, 93

Number sentenced to house of correction, 3

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OVERSEER OF THE POOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JANUARY 31, 1878.

To the Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN : The undersigned herewith submits his Tenth Annual Report of the expenditures for the poor, exclusive of those at the almshouse, for the year ending Jan. 31, 1878.

CITY PAUPERS.

Name.	Nationality.	Amount.
John Harrington,	Irish,	\$152.03
Wm. Fagan,	Irish,	12.75
Mrs. Orrison Dudley,	American,	112.25
Mrs. Henry Hall,	American,	18.95
Morris Lamprey,	American,	19.00
Archibald Martin,	American,	7.00
Mrs. Edward Hodgman,		151.25
John J. Burke,	Irish,	45.00
N. K. Emery,	American,	3.00
Mrs. Clarissa Randall,	American,	27.75
John Davis,	American,	12.00
Geo. W. Foote,	American,	10.00
Francis F. Hoit,	American,	19.00
Mrs. James K. Page,	American,	78.00
Mrs. Harvey L. Chandler,	American,	9.00
John J. Dadmun,	American,	8.00
Mrs. John F. Burke,	Irish,	8.00
Chas. H. Johnson,	American,	110.50

Name.	Nationality.	Amount.
Mrs. James Crowther,	American,	\$67.50
Zach. C. Arlin,	American,	27.25
Chas. Hodge,	American,	16.40
John Bresnehan,	Irish,	3.25
Alfred Shaw,	American,	8.00
Mrs. John O'Brien,	Irish,	3.00
Mrs. Ralph R. Evans,	American,	30.25
J. Everett Hutchins,	American,	24.00
Timothy Dorety,	Irish,	10.00
Henry W. McMichael,	Irish,	12.00
Mrs. Joseph P. Carpenter,		22.75
		<hr/> \$1,027.88

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Received from town of Weare, for aid to C. H. Johnson and family,	\$110.50	
Received from town of Campton for support of family of Ed. Hodgman,	132.25	
Balance due from town of Campton,	19.00	
Received from other sources,	80.30	
	<hr/>	\$342.05
		<hr/> \$685.83

Paid asylum for the insane, as follows:

For support of Joseph Carpenter,	\$135.40	
Abner F. Durgin,	228.03	
Ellen M. Summers,	221.48	
Betsey Haines,	35.24	
	<hr/>	\$620.15
Paid state reform school, maintenance of Emma Sargent,		5.14
		<hr/> \$1,311.12

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Aid to county paupers resident in Concord, as follows:

Godfrey Jacobs, Jr.,	French,	\$23.00
Mrs. James Flynn,	Irish,	18.00
Mrs. Lucretia Danforth,	American,	1.92
James Buckley,	French,	1.75
Jeddie Welcome,	French,	8.00

Mrs. Ellen Mahoney, Irish,	\$17.00
Hiram Stevens, American,	6.00
Joseph Goddett, French,	26.31
Mrs. Isaac Mason, French,	18.00
Geo. C. Beckett, Irish,	78.00
Nelson Florence, French,	58.73
Mrs. Nancy Dorety, Scotch,	64.00
Michael Martin, Irish,	12.37
Jeremiah Lynch, Irish,	27.00
Mrs. Ellen Geary and daughter, Irish,	16.78
Mrs. Martin Deveney, Irish,	104.00
Mrs. Daniel Blackstone, Irish,	60.77
John K. Lang, American,	15.00
Mrs. Wm. Hannigan, Irish,	5.80
Joseph Cote, French,	3.00
Mary Storin, Irish,	6.00
Mrs. Thomas Coty, French,	72.00
Georgiana Powell, American,	50.28
Mrs. Levi Fortia, French,	10.75
Mrs. Nancy O'Hara, Irish,	10.75
Sylvester Kiggins, Irish,	6.00
Mrs. Ellen Woods, Irish,	9.25
Benj. G. Tucker, American,	14.00
Martin Farrell, Irish,	6.00
Paul Myartt, French,	94.57
Simon F. Drew, American,	17.70
Edward R. Stevens, American,	22.50
Eleazer Bazro, French,	11.00
Narcissus LeClair, French,	2.00
Fred Trudeau, French,	43.65
Abial Stevens, American,	16.00
James Plimpton, English,	13.07
Mary M. Cilley,	10.00
Children of Thomas Sullivan, Irish,	30.00
Rosannah Larkin, Irish,	6.00
Mrs. Wm. McKay, English,	6.00
Mrs. Rose Mary Allen, Irish,	8.00
William Ward, American,	6.00
Albert Wright, American,	3.00
Moses Worley, English,	4.12
Geo. Worley, English,	4.13
Daniel H. McLaughlin, Irish,	5.49
Willis Sargent, American,	20.00

James A. Ashley, American,	\$8.00
Thomas Haines, American,	12.49
Fred W. Story, American,	8.25
Mrs. Robert Smith, American,	9.00
Chas. F. Guild, American,	3.00
Mrs. Joseph Mitchell, French,	1.50
Mrs. Abby Livingston, Irish,	35.25
Mrs. Phebe Larabee, American,	42.50
Mrs. Eliza Sargent, American,	5.00
Geo. Taylor, American,	3.70
James P. Sleeper, American,	7.50
Patrick Kennedy, Irish,	5.75
Joseph Giddis, French,	8.00
Charles L. Weeks, American,	8.25
Edward T. Wight, American,	142.60
Joshua S. Griffin, American,	22.50
Charles Flanders, American,	3.00
Joseph Gendron, French,	9.00
Susan Jones, French,	25.50
Mrs. John Trato, French,	72.15
Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, at asylum,	21.74
Ellen Reardon, at asylum,	11.23
Chas. A. Bowen, at asylum,	4.00
James C. Rowe, American,	10.75
Mrs. Mary Owens, Irish,	160.00
Mrs. Amelia Bassett, French,	6.00
Sarah A. Dudley, American,	104.00
Mrs. R. T. Orr, American,	36.57
Mrs. Wm. Downing, Irish,	18.00
Joseph O. Perkins, American,	11.32
Charles M. Buckman, American,	6.00
Lovell J. Sherman, American,	5.00
Mrs. Priscilla C. Walker, American,	58.00
Mrs. Anna Holland, American,	52.00
Mrs. Emily Suppy, French,	6.00
Mrs. Patrick Desmond, Irish,	54.00
John F. Brown, Jr., American,	29.24
Mrs. Patrick O'Flanagan, Irish,	51.00
Gardiner K. Knowles, American,	122.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Clary, Irish,	10.00
Mrs. Nancy Pearson, American,	78.00
Israel Shepard, American,	52.00
Fred Larry, French,	21.25

Levi Marston, American (deceased),	\$37.00
Bennett Pratt, American,	16.25
Mrs. Edmund N. Clinton, American,	17.25
Wm. Tonkin, English,	6.25
Mrs. Richard Cooper, American,	106.00
Moses Danforth, American,	98.66
Mrs. Callahan McCarty, Irish,	52.00
Mrs. Arvilla Bontin and child, French,	6.60
Mrs. Harriet Ash, American,	1.00
Mrs. Sarah C. Stevens, American,	4.00
George Washington, colored,	2.50
Johnson Wells, American,	15.00
Mrs. Amasa Ramsdell, American,	26.82
Arthur Shay, Irish,	6.25
Sarah A. Wilson, Irish,	2.00
Julius Ransom, American,	14.50
Transient paupers,	58.90
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Amount expended for county paupers off the farm,	\$2,905.71
In addition to the above, twelve persons, charge- able to the county, have been supported at the city almshouse—five for the entire year, the remainder for a less period—at an expense of	722.00
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Total amount expended by the city for the sup- port of county paupers the past year,	\$3,627.71

Four hundred and thirty-three applications for aid were received at this office the past year.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.

City paupers, including Fisherville,	\$685.83
“ at asylum,	620.15
“ at reform school,	5.14
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	\$1,311.12
County paupers, including Fisherville,	3,627.71
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For the year ending Jan. 31, 1878,	\$4,938.83

Expenditures for the year ending Jan. 31, 1877 :

City paupers, including Fisherville,	\$808.54	
“ at asylum,	708.53	
“ at reform school,	104.00	
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	\$1,621.07	
County paupers, including Fisherville,	3,381.70	
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		\$5,002.77

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. STEWART, *Overseer of Poor.*

REPORT

OF THE

CITY PHYSICIAN.

To the City Council :

It is safe to assume that the past year has been a very favorable one for the public health in our city. No epidemic or wide-spread contagious influence has been among us ; our death rate is still below that which is given as normal, furnishing good evidence that Concord is a very healthy city. Of those assisted by the overseer of the poor, very few have required medical aid. The condition of those at the City Farm will compare well with previous years. One death has taken place there, which was from a constitutional disease contracted before going there.

It must of necessity happen, that most of those who are obliged to seek a home at the hands of the city are advanced in years and broken in constitution. Their general good health is evidence that all of their wants are well supplied. Much credit is due the superintendent and his estimable wife, who have been untiring in their efforts for the comfort and happiness of those under their charge.

MORTUARY STATISTICS.

Public institutions :

State prison (1877),	11
Hospital for the Insane (1877),	17
County Jail (1877),	0
City Farm,	1

In the city there have been 209 deaths. Placing our population at 14,000, our death rate has been one in 67, very nearly, or 15 in 1,000. This is two less per thousand than that given as normal by registrars in this country. The largest number of deaths in any ward was in Ward 4 (57); smallest number in Ward 3, which was only 10. Greatest number occurred in the month of February; least number in May.

These statistics are very imperfect. First, I have no means of ascertaining the number of our inhabitants; second, the returns of deaths are not complete. I am satisfied that deaths occur in our midst that are never reported. This happens mostly among infants. A child that is born alive, and dies in a few hours or days, is as much a death as if it had lived a few years and then died, and should be reported.

The ordinance passed by the city government will, if enforced, insure the *complete* return of births and deaths. It is so simple that there can be no good reason why another year an accurate estimate of vital statistics cannot be had, and place us alongside of those cities that do this.

An ordinance passed Dec. 29th, 1877, to be in force from and after March 1, 1878, provides that the city clerk shall be registrar of vital statistics, shall keep a full record of births and deaths in the city, and shall issue permits for burials. Every physician or midwife who attends or assists at the birth of a child in Concord, whether *still-born* or not, shall report the same to the registrar within six days thereafter. It further provides that no burial shall be allowed without the friends of the deceased first obtaining a certificate of cause of death, etc., from the attending physician, said certificate to be given to the undertaker or superintendent of the burial, who shall add to the certificate the place and date of interment, return to the registrar within twenty-four hours after such death, and receive a permit for burial. If death occurs from some contagious or infectious disease, then the certifi-

cate shall be made immediately. When death takes place in any part of the city not under control of the registrar, permits for burial may be granted in aforesaid manner by the clerk of the cemetery committee. In case of death without an attending physician, the city physician shall make certificate of the probable cause of death. If not satisfied, he shall report the same to the mayor.

Suitable blanks have been furnished each physician. In case of births he has simply to return by mail. These blanks will be kept on file, and at the end of the year the fee allowed by law—twenty-five cents for each certificate—will be received. It may be urged that this is too much *tape*, but if we stop to consider how much this may avail, other than furnish tables of vital statistics, all will say it is right. We shall have a full record of all persons that die in the city, when and where they are buried, which is likely to be of great importance in years to come, and it will be of still greater service to have a correct record of all births.

This is simply an effort towards the enforcement of a state law passed in 1858. I am sure every physician will do his part, and every citizen will see the necessity of this ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. COOK.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 18, 1878.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the City Council :

We have the honor to report that the sanitary condition of the city the past year has been fully up to the standard of previous years. Very few complaints have made it necessary to call a meeting of the Board : the executive member, in most cases, has been able to adjust the difficulty.

The absence of data on which to base a report renders it impossible to make any other than simple assertions. From the best means we have of gaining information, we are safe in saying that our present water supply and system of sewerage has done much towards reducing the percentage of deaths from those diseases well known to result from the use of impure water and imperfect drainage. Not only has the death-rate been lessened, but the amount of sickness of a purely zymotic nature has fallen off to such an extent that when diseases of this class do occur there is generally no difficulty in finding the specific cause.

If these things are true (and we believe the better facilities you have given us for securing *vital* statistics will prove, in years to come), it is very proper that an enlightened and intelligent people should throw around the *source* of our water supply every safeguard, that it may be *kept pure*, and free from the least possible contamination.

Our sewers should be under the supervision of those properly informed on the subject of sewer-drainage, and should be carefully watched.

So much has been said—and well said—heretofore about these matters, that it would be reiteration for us to speak at length. Still, they are of such paramount importance that the attention of our citizens cannot be called too often to them; for these very agents which are calculated to prove such a blessing may be a curse. It is very doubtful if the water in any well in the thickly populated part of the city can be fit for use. It is well known that the distance by which the law of gravitation acts upon a well is three times the well's depth; that is, if the well is twenty feet deep, everything within a radius of sixty feet will gravitate towards the well. Is it not a matter of wonderment, then, that well-water is ever free from unhealthy compounds? The soil through which the water percolates, to a great extent acts as a filter and disinfectant; but if that soil is continually saturated with *foul* water, it will cease to act as a purifier, and well-water loaded with every kind of impurity will be the result. It is hoped that very soon every family will be supplied with water from the common source.

The past year has nearly completed the construction of our sewers, only about four thousand feet remaining unbuilt. Probably not more than one half the dwellings have been connected with the sewers, and of those the larger number have only connected their sink-drain, leaving the greater proportion of the old privy-vaults still in existence. This can be none other than pernicious, and very prejudicial to the public health. When we consider that such a large number of these vaults all over the city are not only the receptacles of human excrement, but of almost every kind of refuse, and of course undergoing decomposition all the time, subjected to the cleansing process rarely, and then in many cases not more than half done, we will have some idea of how great a source of disease they must be.

The healthfulness of a city is its capital; and when we have the means of obviating these great evils, it is certainly the duty of every one to avail themselves of them. Our

sewers have been built under the supervision of a scientific engineer, and are easy of access for inspection, and can be properly flushed when necessary. We have therefore one of the best systems of sewerage, but they will not take care of themselves. Proper ventilation and effective traps must be had, and in this climate great care will have to be exercised in order that they may be kept so. Sewer gas is an insidious enemy, and is likely to invade the dwelling, carrying disease, and many times death, before it when we least expect it. The prudent man will look well to these things, and every regulation enacted by city governments touching upon these subjects should be enforced to the very letter.

JOHN CONNELL,
HENRY CHURCHILL, } *Health Officers.*
GEO. W. COOK,

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON SEWERS.

To the City Council:

The Committee on Sewers and Drains respectfully report that 19,398 feet, or 3.674 miles, of sewers have been laid within the precinct during the last season, of which 770 feet was 24 x 36 inch brick sewer, with Akron pipe inverts, and extends from the culvert across Main street, near the junction of Hall and Water streets, to Turnpike street, opposite Josiah Cooper's house, where it receives the sewers from Turnpike, Main, and State streets.

This portion of the sewer is intended for the main outlet of the Brook sewer, and the grade is so arranged that the Brook sewer, which now terminates about 150 feet south of West street, may be extended southerly to Allison street, and easterly through Allison and Turnpike streets to the head of the brick sewer built this year, and thus be led to the river. This extension of the Brook sewer will probably have to be made soon in order to quiet the complaints of land-owners upon the lower intervale on account of the excessive amount of water discharged from the present terminus of the Brook sewer, and the stench arising from the sewage. To

complete this proposed connection will require about 2,300 feet of 24 x 36 brick sewer, of the same character as that laid the present year. When this connection is made, there will remain only about 2,000 feet of ten-inch pipe to be laid to complete the entire sewerage system of the city. The cost of the brick sewer laid this year was \$1.89 per foot.

There have also been constructed twenty-seven eighteen-inch man-holes, and fifty-three eight-inch lamp-holes, where necessary upon the main lines of sewer.

The following tabular statement shows the amount and size of Akron pipe sewers laid in the streets:

STREETS.	Sizes of Pipes.				
	8-in.	10-in.	12-in.	15-in.	18-in.
Academy, south from Washington.....	200				
Bradley, south from Walker.....		320	230		
north from Walker.....		184			
Bethel, south from outlet.....	225				
Chandler, west from railroad.....	170	230			
Clinton, west from South.....			255		
Downing, west from State.....	175	475			
Green, south from Prince.....	125				
Grove, north from Downing.....	170				
Hill's avenue, Railroad Square.....		420			
Laurel, west from State.....		580			
Main, north from West.....			882	768	
south from Fisk.....		218	432		
north from Fisk.....			850		
North Arch, west from State.....	175				
Perley, west from State.....		500			
west from Main.....	406				
Rumford, south from Washington.....	226				
State, north from Turnpike.....		370	560	1450	
South, south from West.....			600		
north from Downing.....	200				
School, west from Main.....				17	1004
Spring, north from Clinton.....		635			
Turnpike, north from outlet.....				790	
Tremont, east from Walnut.....	312				
Thorndike, west from State.....		550			
west from Main.....	386				
Walnut, south from Beacon.....	216				
north from Washington.....		390	210		

STREETS.	Sizes of Pipes.				
	8-in.	10-in.	12-in.	15-in.	18-in.
Walker, west from State.....	420	800 600	660		
West, east from State.....					
west from State.....					
east from Brook sewer.....			272		
Outlet, Bethel, to Jackson street.....			6	14	
Branch inlets to brick sewer.....					
Total,	3406	6222	4957	3039	1004

SUMMARY.

8-in. pipe,	3,406 feet.
10-in. “	6,222 “
12-in. “	4,957 “
15-in. “	3,039 “
18-in. “	1,004 “
24x36 brick,	770 “
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	19,398 feet,=3.674 miles.

Total number of feet laid in 1877,	19,398
Total cost (see financial report page),	\$18,188.51
Less pipe sold and transfers made (see pages 52, 53),	\$1,726.41
Less cost of relaying sewer on State street,	107.16
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	1,833.57
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Add difference of amount of stock and tools on hand, 1878,	\$16,354.94
	644.22
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Total cost of sewers constructed, 1877, or 87.63 cents per foot.	\$16,999.16

Complete plans and profiles have been prepared, embracing the sewers laid to the present time, and which show the location of the various man-holes, lamp-holes, catch-basins, and other appurtenances of the system, and showing, also, the grades. The position of each inlet is indicated on the plans, to which reference may be had from time to time as entrances are made. A general plan of the city has also been prepared, which shows the entire sewerage system, so far as now completed.

GEO. A. PILLSBURY,	}	<i>Committee on Sewers & Drains.</i>
B. G. MERRILL,		
S. W. SHATTUCK,		

REPORT

OF THE

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

To the City Council :

The Cemetery Committee beg leave to submit the following Report:

OLD NORTH CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

From sale of lots,	\$139.00	
interest on fund,	42.00	
	<hr/>	\$181.00

EXPENDED.

Keeping grounds in order,	\$73.85	
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Balance cash on hand,		\$107.15

BLOSSOM HILL CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

From sale of lots,	\$1,533.35	
grass and wood,	44.60	
Due from Holt Bros., for lumber,	67.51	
	<hr/>	\$1,645.46

EXPENDED.

Keeping grounds in order,	\$1,292.20	
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Balance,		\$353.26

As the various items of expenditure have been audited from month to month by the Finance Committee, and will appear in their report, they are not reproduced here.

During the year 105 rods of paving have been laid in the gutters beside the avenues, where most needed, which will remain a permanent improvement. The entire grounds have been mowed and raked over, and the trees trimmed, and a large amount of work expended upon the avenues in putting on gravel to make a hard road.

By a recent change in the ordinance, after this time one half the receipts from the sale of lots may be expended upon the grounds, and the other half is to be deposited in the city treasury, to constitute a permanent fund, the interest of which only is to be expended in keeping the grounds in order. This will in a few years enable the Cemetery Committee to make all needed improvements without further direct expense to the city; and we look forward to the time when a suitable fence shall be built around the entire cemetery, which will protect the lots from depredations which have been so annoying.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C. LUND,
CHARLES WOODMAN,
JAMES H. CHASE,

Cemetery Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the City Council :

The trustees of the Public Library present the following Report for the year 1877-8, supplemented by the Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer :

The library has been improved within the year, and now contains 7,047 volumes. Its use has been largely increased, as the following statement will show: In 1876 1,241 persons took 24,916 volumes from its shelves ; in 1877 1,178 patrons drew over 35,000 volumes ;—an increase of 40 per cent.

Since the last report, 286 volumes have been added to the library by purchase and by donation. A new supplement, just issued, shows that a considerable number of very valuable and costly books are among these additions. The trustees have acted upon the idea that if good books were furnished, good books would be sought and read. They have desired to give to the patrons of this library, so far as their judgment and the means at their command would allow, the works of the best authors upon the various topics introduced. They hope gradually to raise the general character of the library to a higher standard, and thus create a demand for the best literature.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A small adjoining room has been added to the former space, in which several hundred volumes have been set apart and separately catalogued. The room is sufficiently retired to be free from noise, is separately lighted, and furnishes ample facilities for reading, consultation, copying, etc.

These books are largely of a class not designed to be taken from the rooms. Among them may be found several of the encyclopedias,—Appletons's New American, 17 volumes ; Chambers's, 10 volumes ; Zell's, 3 volumes ; McClintock & Strong's (Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical), 10 volumes ;—also, Cyclopedias on Agriculture, Civil Engineering, American and English Literature, Biography, Commercial Anecdotes, etc. ; Dictionaries of English Literature and English and American Authors, on Science and Art, Machines and Engineering, and Noted Names of Fiction ; Webster's and Worcester's Unabridged Dictionaries ; Atlases of New Hampshire, the United States, and of the World ; Illustrated Birds of North America, 2 volumes ; the Scientific American and Supplement, 46 volumes ; Lübke's Outlines of the History of Art, 2 volumes ; Kugler's Hand-Book of Painting, 4 volumes ; Darwin's Variation of Animals and Plants under Domestication, 2 volumes ; Hitchcock's Geology of New Hampshire ; works on History, Natural History, Architecture, Mechanics, General Science, Discovery, etc.

The student and scholar may here find books for reference which he may not feel able to place in his private library. The needs of the agriculturist and mechanic have been considered as fully as those of any class in this community.

READING-ROOM.

Adjoining and connected with the library rooms is the reading-room of the Young Men's Christian Association, where a number of the religious and daily and weekly secular papers may be found, together with reviews and magazines.

To promote quiet, the library floors have been covered with straw matting.

PRIVILEGES OF THE LIBRARY.

These additions allow the patrons of the library the privilege of calling for any book upon its shelves, for reading or for study, from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and from 7 to 9 in the evening, without the use of cards, thus furnishing abundant opportunity for spending leisure hours with profit. For 25 cents a year a place of resort is provided, warmed, and lighted, and opportunity for self-culture and education extended to every person in the city. None can plead the want of privilege.

To the citizens of adjoining towns the use of the library is offered for one-dollar a year.

The trustees respectfully solicit contributions of useful books from such citizens of Concord and vicinity as may be disposed to help increase the usefulness of their public library.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. FISKE,
O. T. CLOUGH,
J. W. COLWELL,
F. D. AYER,
GEO. E. JENKS,
CHARLES C. LUND,
AMOS BLANCHARD,

Trustees of Public Library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of Concord Public Library :

Your Librarian would respectfully submit the following report of the condition of the library at the close of the year :

Number of volumes in library at last report,	6,761
Additions made by purchase,	208
Additions made by donations,	78
Number of volumes now in library,	7,047

Eleven hundred and seventy-eight persons have used the library for a portion or the whole of the year, as shown by the record opened Jan. 21st, 1877. This is a slight decrease from the previous year.

The number of volumes charged has been thirty-five thousand, showing that the use of the books of the library is constantly on the increase.

It gives me pleasure to be able to report that the annual return of books was the most complete ever made to the library, the number of books missing being only twenty-six. Most of these had only been out a short time when the library was closed for the annual examination.

Among the donations of books made to the library this year, and which have been put on the catalogue, were the Scientific American, 35 volumes, by Geo. E. Jenks, Esq.; also 4 volumes Missionary Herald, and 1 volume The Sanitarian. From the Hon. S. N. Bell, 6 volumes U. S. Geological Survey of the Territories; Hon. E. H. Rollins, 2 volumes Reports on Agriculture of the United States, 1875,

1876, and Report on Finance, 1877; by a friend, 4 volumes Herbert Spencer's Works, 2 volumes Dr. Schenkel's Character of Jesus Portrayed, and 7 volumes Popular Science Monthly.

The rules to regulate the use of the books have generally been well observed by the subscribers, with the exception of the rule that relates to writing in the books. This rule is constantly broken by the readers; and, although it gives the librarian full power, it is almost impossible to check this abuse. If some means could be devised by the trustees by which this evil might be done away, it would be of great service to the librarian in the performance of his duties.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K S. CRAWFORD, *Librarian*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WM. P. FISKE, *Treasurer*,
IN ACCOUNT WITH CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1877. DR.

Feb. 1.	To balance from last year,	\$125.57
May 28.	part appropriation,	150.00
	6 months' interest on Pierce fund,	30.00
	6 months' interest on Lyon fund,	30.00
July 26.	part appropriation,	100.00
Oct. 5.	“	150.00

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Jan 3.	To part appropriation,	400.00
	6 months' interest on Lyon fund,	30.00
	6 months' interest on Pierce fund,	30.00
Jan. 19.	part appropriation,	200.00
	cash receipts of library, from librarian,	216.55
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1877.		
Mar. 1.	By paid F. S. Crawford, salary,	\$37.50
2.	J. R. Osgood & Co.,	12.00
5.	Connell & Savory,	15.00
22.	for Sanitarian,	12.30

April 1.	By paid gas bill,	\$25.20	
2.	F. S. Crawford, salary,	37.50	
	Ranlet & Prescott,	9.13	
June 1.	F. S. Crawford, salary,	75.00	
18.	Munn & Co.,	10.00	
	A. F. Roberts,	36.00	
30.	F. S. Crawford, salary,	37.50	
July 1.	gas bill,	19.50	
	Rep. Press Ass'n,	16.25	
Aug. 1.	F. S. Crawford, salary,	37.50	
Oct. 1.	"	75.00	
	gas bill,	19.80	
	Hammond & Ayers,	6.57	
Nov. 1.	F. S. Crawford, salary,	37.50	
	Ranlet & Prescott,	15.75	
Dec. 31.	F. S. Crawford, salary,	75.00	
1878.			
Jan. 7.	C. O. Diedrich,	26.83	
	gas bill,	25.80	
22.	R. C. Danforth,	19.60	
	E. C. Eastman,	221.75	
	Griggs Bros.,	7.80	
	F. S. Crawford, binding,		
	etc.,	274.76	
	C. O. Diedrich,	30.98	
	E. C. Eastman,	141.84	
	F. S. Crawford, bill for		
	books and incidentals,	57.06	
	balance of cash on hand,	45.70	
			\$1,462.12

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. FISKE, *Treasurer.*

Concord, N. H., Feb. 12, 1878.

REPORT OF THE POLICE JUSTICE.

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Concord :

The Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Police Justice is herewith submitted :

During the financial year ending with this date, eighty-four civil actions have been entered in the police court.

During the year twenty-eight persons of foreign birth have been admitted to citizenship, and eight others have made their primary declarations of intention to become citizens.

There have been, during the same period, one hundred and seventy-one arraignments before the court for alleged criminal offences, and those with which the city marshal and the assistant city marshal were connected are more particularly described in their respective reports of this date.

The police justice charges himself as follows :

For costs belonging to the city, received		
in criminal prosecutions,	\$173.13	
For fines received,	568.04	
For fees received in civil actions,	65.39	
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And discharges himself as follows :

Paid expenses, &c.,	\$6.12	
Paid city treasurer,	• 800.44	
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While the criminal business of the court, growing out of the use of intoxicating beverages, has fallen off during the past few months, its civil business has far exceeded in amount that of any previous year.

SYLVESTER DANA, *Police Justice.*

Jan. 31st, 1878.

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Council :

There are at the present time three cases upon the dockets of our courts where the city is a party,—viz., Harlan P. Gage and wife *v.* Concord, which was entered at the October term, 1875, of the Supreme Court for Merrimack county; John F. Edgerly and wife *v.* Concord, which was entered at the October term, 1876, of said court, for said county; and Union School District No. 1 in Bow and 23 in Concord *v.* George A. Pillsbury *et als.*, which was entered in said court at the October term, 1877. In my last report will be found a statement with reference to the Gage and Edgerly suits. They are still awaiting trial. The third suit is brought to test the legality of the action of the city government in dissolving the union between School District No. 1 in Bow and No. 23 in Concord.

These suits are the only ones pending before any tribunal, and will probably be disposed of during the coming year.

CHARLES P. SANBORN, *City Solicitor.*

REPORT OF THE CITY MARSHAL.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor to submit a Report of the Police Department for the year ending Jan. 31, 1878.

The whole number of arrests made during the year, not including those made at Fisherville, was 264, as follows :

Intoxication,	90
Rude and disorderly conduct,	37
Larceny,	23
Assault,	22
For being out late at night,	18
Suspicious persons,	13
Noise, brawl, and tumult,	11
Keeping liquor for sale and selling liquor,	13
Fornication,	6
Vagrancy,	6
Insane persons,	4
For taking a store for less time than one year,	3
Common prostitute,	2
Keeping saloon open after 10 o'clock,	2
Breaking and entering,	2
Obtaining money under false pretences,	2
Breaking glass,	2
Picking pockets,	2
For digging up the street without a license,	2
Indecent conduct,	1
Embezzlement,	1
Bastardy,	1
For being a rogue,	1
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Of the above cases 124 were arraigned before the police court, charged with the following offences, to wit :

Intoxication,	34
Assault,	22
Larceny,	17
Selling liquor, and keeping liquor for sale,	13
Rude and disorderly conduct,	9
Fornication,	6
Vagrancy,	5
For taking a store for a less time than one year,	3
Keeping saloon open after 10 o'clock,	2
For digging up the street without a license,	2
Breaking and entering,	2
Obtaining money under false pretences,	2
Common prostitute,	1
Breaking glass,	1
Bastardy,	1
Indecent conduct,	1
Picking pockets,	1
Embezzlement,	1
For being a rogue,	1
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And were disposed of as follows :

Sentenced to pay fines,	83
Ordered to recognize to appear at the supreme court,	29
Sentenced to the house of correction,	6
Discharged,	4
Sentenced to jail,	1
Ordered to recognize to keep the peace,	1
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Discharged from custody without complaint,	140
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Total,	264
Whole number of tramps accommodated at the station-house during the year,	596
Whole number of prisoners and lodgers,	860
Buildings found open and secured,	23
Respectfully submitted,	

JOHN CONNELL, *City Marshal.*

Concord, Jan. 31, 1878.

ASSISTANT CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the City Council :

The undersigned submits the following report of the police department in Ward 1, for the year ending Jan. 31, 1878 :

Whole number of arrests made during the year,	53
Intoxication,	15
Assault,	5
Larceny,	4
Disorderly conduct,	2
Stealing horse,	1
Breaking and entering,	1
Bastardy,	1
Indecent exposure of person,	9
Vagabond,	1
Running away from home,	1
Larceny from the person,	1
Driving horse farther than stipulated,	2
Keeping liquor for sale,	1
Fornication,	2
Obtaining goods and money under false pretences,	3
Out late at night,	1
Keeping liquor in saloon,	1
Vagabond,	1
Adultery,	1
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Of the above cases 36 were arraigned before the 'police court, charged with the following offences, to wit :

• Intoxication,	13
Assault,	4
Larceny,	5
Disorderly conduct,	2
Breaking and entering,	1
Bastardy,	1
Larceny from the person,	1
Driving horse farther than stipulated,	1
Keeping liquor for sale,	1
Fornication,	2
Keeping liquor in saloon,	1
Adultery,	1
Obtaining goods and money under false pretences,	3
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And were disposed of by the police court as follows:

Sentenced to pay fines,	25	
Ordered to recognize to appear at the supreme court,	10	
Discharged,	1	
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Discharged without complaint,		17
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Total,		53
Whole number lodgers accommodated at the station-house,		148
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Whole number of prisoners and lodgers,		201
Respectfully submitted,		

JOHN CHADWICK,
Assistant City Marshal.

Fisherville, Jan. 31, 1878.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the City Council:

In compliance with the City Ordinance relating to the Fire Department, I hereby present to you a report of the condition and workings of the department for the year ending January 31st, 1878.

The report contains a statement of the number of fires and alarms, together with the losses and insurance on same, as nearly as could be ascertained.

The report also contains the names, residences, and occupations of the officers and members of the department; and the number of hydrants in the city, location of the same, &c.

The apparatus of the department during the past year has been kept in good condition, and an addition of a seventy-foot extension-ladder has been made. There has also been purchased during the year 1,100 feet of new leather hose, manufactured by S. Eastman & Co., making a total of 6,000 feet now in use in the fire precinct. Of this amount, about 1,000 feet is of very little account, it having been in service for some years. It is, however, kept in readiness to guard against any contingency that may arise.

During the past year the Central Fire Station, on Warren street, has been provided with steam heating apparatus, and the entire building, including the hose tower, is now heated in a satisfactory manner.

The great difficulty experienced the past year in determining the locality of fires, seems to require that your attention should again be called to the necessity of establishing a *Fire*

Alarm, similar to those in use in a majority of the cities of the United States, believing it would be of great assistance to the department, by insuring the location of and a more prompt attendance at fires, thus being the means of saving much property that might otherwise be destroyed. The prompt means of knowing the exact location of a fire at the earliest moment cannot be over-estimated.

Since my last report a substantial and convenient brick building has been erected in Ward 2, for the use of Old Fort Engine Co. No. 2. It is fitted with a good hose tower, is heated with a furnace, and has all the conveniences necessary to protect the property entrusted to the care of the Company, and also furnishes suitable accommodations for the convenience and comfort of the members.

In conclusion, I wish to return my sincere thanks to the members of the Committee on Fire Department for their support and endorsement of all matters tending to the improvement of the department; and also to the engineers, officers, and members of the entire department, for the prompt, willing, and efficient manner in which they have responded to all the calls for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES N. LAUDER,

Chief Engineer F. D.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING JANUARY 31, 1878.

Feb. 13, 1877. School-house at Fisherville, District No. 20. Loss, \$3,500 ; insured, \$2,500.

Feb. 18. House belonging to Rebecca Foster, at Fisherville. Loss, \$1,200 ; insured, \$1,000.

Feb. 21. C. C. Webster's store on main street. Loss, \$1,000 ; fully insured.

Mar. 23. Alarm caused by burning brush on High street.

Apr. 15. Jos. Welcome's house, Centre street. Loss \$300 ; fully insured.

July 5. Barn belonging to John Wild, Main street, Fisherville. Loss trifling.

July 18. R. O. Wright's store, Main street. Loss trifling.

Sept. 11. House owned by E. Morrill, South street. No damage.

Dec. 22. Tenement in Call's block, State street. No damage.

Dec. 27. Alarm at Fisherville, in response to a fire on Boscawen side.

Jan. 23, 1878. Barn owned by Jos. Stickney, near Free Bridge road. Loss, \$500 ; fully insured.

Jan. 26. Block owned by J. L. Pickering, Warren street. Loss, \$2,500 ; fully insured.

ROLL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 1878.

CHIEF ENGINEER.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
JAMES N. LAUDER,	Master Mechanic,	N. R. R., Franklin street.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.

JOSEPH S. MERRILL,	Carriage Trimmer,	State street.
N. H. HASKELL,	Painter,	Perley street.
CHAS. M. LANG,	Painter,	Centre street.
WM. D. LADD,	Iron Merchant,	Rumford street.
DANIEL B. NEWHALL,	Saloon-keeper,	School street.
MOSES H. BEAN,	Manufacturer,	Ward one.
CYRUS R. ROBINSON,	Manufacturer,	Ward two.
WYMAN W. HOLDEN,	Manufacturer,	Ward three.
WILLIAM D. LADD, Clerk.		

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

Six fire suits, \$75; 6 badges, \$48; 8 fire hats, \$64; 6 lanterns, \$30;—total, \$217.

Miscellaneous property not in service.

Two hose-carriages, \$325; 2 brass trumpets, \$10; 3 bells, \$8; 1 set new grates for steamer, \$7; 2 brass crank boxes, \$4; 1 lignum-vitæ crank box, \$3; 3 extra lathes for pump packing, \$3; 3 extra pump valve guides, \$3;—total, \$363.

Schedule of Property at Central Fire Station.

One wheelbarrow, \$6; 2 vises, \$12; 1 fire-pot, \$4; 1 step-ladder, \$8.50; 1 ash-pail, \$3; 3 set hose clamps, \$4.50; 3 riveting bars, \$4; 1 setting-tool, \$1.50; 1 pair cut nippers, \$1.50; lot punches, \$2; ½ ton cannel coal, \$11.50; 3 cords slabs, \$6; 8 tons hard coal, \$68; 4 barrels coke, \$6; 1 grindstone, \$8;—total, \$146.50.

KEARSARGE STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY.

OFFICERS.

GEO. L. LOVEJOY, *Foreman.* B. FRANK HARDY, *Clerk.*
 GEO. A. GLOVER, *Assist. Foreman.* JAS. H. SANDERS, *Engineer.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
Geo. L. Lovejoy,	Carriage Painter,	Fayette street.
Geo. A. Glover,	Tinsmith,	State street, cor. West.
B. Frank Hardy,	Clerk,	Fayette street.
Warren F. Corning,	Hair Dresser,	Green street.
Jas. H. Sanders,	Carriage Painter,	State street, cor. Cross.
Chas. H. Sanders,	Machinist,	South street.
A. L. Currier,	Baggage Master,	Prince street.
D. W. C. Everett,	Clerk,	Auburn street.
C. S. Packard,	Painter,	Green st., cor. Warren.
C. C. Blanchard,	Carriage Painter,	Warren street.
E. A. Rix,	Carriage Trimmer,	State street.
A. P. Davis,	Freight Conductor,	State st., cor. Downing.
Lewis Wright,	Driver,	Engine House, War. st.

Schedule of Property—Steamer Kearsarge.

Steamer, \$3,200; hose-carriage, \$200; 12 fire suits and 13 fire hats, \$232.25; 10 reefing jackets, \$75; 2 blunderbusses, with spray nozzles, \$53; 1 hydrant coupling, \$16; 3 lanterns and 2 water-buckets, \$12; 1 smoke stack, \$10; 10 spanner belts, \$10; 10 sets spanners, \$10; 7 wrenches, \$5; 1 shovel, 1 bar, 1 axe, \$4; 1 poker, 1 oil-can, 5 feet rubber hose, 1 hammer, \$3.50; 1 reducer, \$2.50; 2 horse blankets, \$10; 1 mud apron, \$5; 1 jack-screw, \$5; 2 gallon oil-cans and 2 hydrant wrenches, \$5; 1 feather duster, 1 hand brush, \$3.75; 1 hydrant gate, \$12.50;—total, \$3,874.50.

EAGLE HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

OFFICERS.

FRANK W. BLAKE, *Foreman.*G. W. JOHNSON, *Clerk.*JOHN H. TOOF, *Asst. Foreman.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
Frank W. Blake,	Clerk,	No. 16 Thompson street.
G. W. Johnson,	Painter,	No. 24 Main street,
Reuben R. Grant,	Blacksmith,	School street, near Main.
Frank F. Morse,	Carpenter,	Railroad Square.
Wm. T. Packard,	Moulder ¹	Centre street.
John H. Toof,	Carpenter,	Warren street.
John Marsh,	Driver,	Spring st., near Pleasant.
B. F. Colby,	Fireman,	Railroad Square.
C. J. Byron,	Baggage Master,	Railroad Square.
G. D. Huntley,	Carpenter,	Warren street.
F. H. Blanchard,	Blacksmith,	34 Warren street.
Addison L. Rice,	Clerk,	Green st., cor. Pleasant.

Schedule of Property—Eagle Hose, No. 1.

One four-wheeled hose-carriage, \$700; 1 two-horse pole, \$30; 1 hand pole and rope reel, \$10; 30 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch rope, \$2; 12 fire hats, \$75; 12 reefing jackets, \$90; 14 canvas coats, 14 canvas overalls, \$140; 2 hand lanterns, \$5; 1 axe, \$3; 1 iron bar, \$2; 2 leather hose pipes, 1 Allen's spray and stop nozzle, 1 common nozzle, \$45; 2 reducing castings, \$5; 2 pails, \$1; 1 sprinkler, \$1; 2 chamois skins, \$1.25; 1 whip, \$1.25; 1 horse blanket, \$5; 2 oil-cans, \$1; 2 hydrant wrenches, \$4; 2 ladder straps, \$2; 4 sets spanners, \$4; spanner belts, \$3.25; 1 broom, .25; 1 hydrant gate, \$12.50;— total, \$1,145.50.

ALERT HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

OFFICERS.

CHAS. C. CHESLEY, *Foreman.*
W. A. BEAN, *Asst. Foreman.*

B. F. TUCKER, *Clerk.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
Chas. C. Chesley,	Carpenter,	Prince street.
J. F. Scott,	Carpenter,	Franklin street.
B. F. Tucker,	Organ Manufacturer,	Jackson street.
B. Billsborough,	Painter,	Essex street.
W. A. Bean,	Organ Manufacturer,	Cedar street.
W. H. Davis,	Tailor,	Washington street.
E. A. Saltmarsh,	Moulder,	Walnut street.
F. S. Johnson,	Harness-maker,	Centre street.
C. A. Davis,	Blacksmith,	Washington street.
Hamilton Piper,	Carpenter,	Franklin street.
F. K. Favor,	Harness-maker,	Walnut street.
J. R. Smith,	Carpenter,	Centre street.

Schedule of Property—Alert Hose, No. 2.

Brick house and furniture, \$2,500; 1 four-wheel hand hose carriage, \$600; 12 fire suits, \$150; 12 fire hats, \$75; 6 spanner belts, \$9; 12 spanners, \$9; 2 blunderbusses and nozzles, \$40; 1 wrench and shovel, \$2.50; 2 hydrant wrenches, \$4; sponge and chamols skin, \$1.40; water-pail and dipper, \$1; dust-brush and broom, \$1; 13 straps for suits, etc., \$5; feather duster, \$4; copper boiler, \$8.50; carriage jack, \$2.60; 1 axe, \$1.50; rubber hose and nozzle, \$12.50; 1 hydrant gate, \$12.50;—total, \$8,439.50.

GOOD WILL HOSE COMPANY, No. 3.

OFFICERS.

STERLING COLBY, *Foreman.* N. G. CARR, *Clerk.*
 NORRIS A. DUNCKLEE, *Asst. Foreman.*

MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
Sterling Colby,	Clerk,	Stickney's Block.
Norris A. Duncklee,	Stable-keeper,	Fayette street.
Norman G. Carr,	Jeweller,	Thompson street.
Herman D. Webster,	Wood-worker,	Grove st., cor. Perley.
John F. Bartlett,	Blacksmith,	West street.
David J. Rolfe,	Painter,	State st., cor. Laurel.
Wm. E. Dow,	Painter,	Turnpike street.
Benjamin T. Bickford,	Farmer,	State street.
Frank Pendergast,	Stone-worker,	Allison street.
Henry B. Shute,	Wood-worker,	State st., cor. Thompson.
Wm. R. Carter,	Blacksmith,	Fayette street.
E. L. Peacock,	Clerk,	State, near Laurel.

Schedule of Property—Good Will Hose Company, No. 3.

Brick house and furniture, \$3,000; 1 four-wheel hand hose-carriage, \$600; 12 fire suits, \$150; 12 fire hats, \$75; 6 spanner belts, \$9; 12 spanners, \$9; 2 blunderbusses and nozzles, \$40; 2 hydrant wrenches, \$4; sponge and chamols skin, \$1.40; water-pail and dipper, \$1; 1 feather duster, \$4; 1 broom and shovel, \$2; mop and spittoons, \$4.50; copper kettle, \$8.50; 50 feet hand hose, \$12.50; carriage jack, \$3.50; screw wrench, \$8.60; 1 hydrant gate, \$12.50; 1 axe, \$1; 1 oil-can, .40;—total, \$3,938.90.